

# Recognitions at October 2007 State Board Meeting

- **American Star of Teaching Award for Guinyard Elementary staff member**

State Superintendent of Education Jim Rex and State Board of Education member Patsy Pye (left) congratulate Wanda Green, a certified Montessori teacher at Guinyard Elementary School in Calhoun County, who received an American Star of Teaching Award from the U.S. Department of Education. The award recognizes exemplary classroom teachers who are successful in using innovative teaching strategies and raising student achievement. Green holds undergraduate and master's degrees from South Carolina State University and has plans to earn her doctorate in early childhood education. She is also pursuing National Board certification. She teaches kindergarten through second-grade and works with up to 20 students simultaneously, creating up to 20 lesson plans every day.



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- **West Florence High senior earns Ham Radio honors for Eagle Scout project**

State Superintendent Jim Rex congratulates Florence School District One student Greg Davis (shown with his parents), winner of a National Association for Amateur Radio Award for installing ham radio antennas at Red Cross evacuation shelters. Greg, a senior at West Florence High School, has installed antennas at Lake City and South Florence High Schools and has plans to put up several more. The idea of placing antennas at the Red Cross evacuation centers originated from a conversation that he had with the emergency coordinator for Florence County. He used the idea as his Eagle Scout project. A Boy Scout for eight years, Greg is also a certified scuba diver and plays the violin in the West Florence orchestra. He plans to attend Clemson University and major in electrical engineering.

